

## Environmentally Preferable Disposable Food Service Supplies Specification

This specification covers food service supplies including utensils (cutlery), plates, bowls, hot and cold cups, cup lids, portion cups, food containers, napkins, straws, paper bags, trays, food service gloves, food service covering and wrap, food storage bags, food waste bags and cloth towels.

Food service head wear and cooking bags will be exempted from any environmental preferability criteria.

Environmentally preferable disposable food service supplies are those that are compostable in a commercial composting facility, contain post-consumer recycled content, and avoid the use of toxic chemicals of concern.

Environmentally preferable disposable food service supply products shall meet the following criteria, according to type:

### A. Food Service Bowls, Plates, Containers, and Trays

Bowls, plates, food containers, and trays will:

- Be certified by the Biodegradable Products Institute, or equivalent\*, for commercial compostability, OR
- Appear on the Cedar Grove Accepted Items list.

### B. Cups and Cup Lids

Cups, cup lids and portion cups will:

- Be certified by the Biodegradable Products Institute, or equivalent\*, for commercial compostability, OR
- Appear on the Cedar Grove Accepted Items list, OR
- Contain a minimum of 20% post-consumer recycled material.

### C. Paper Bags and Napkins

Paper bags and napkins will contain a minimum of 40% post-consumer recycled material.

### D. Food Storage Bags and Food Waste Bags

Food storage bags and food waste bags will:

- Be certified by the Biodegradable Products Institute, or equivalent\*, for commercial compostability, OR
- Appear on the Cedar Grove Accepted Items list.

### E. Utensils, Food Service Gloves and Straws

Utensils, food service gloves and straws will:

- Be certified by the Biodegradable Products Institute, or equivalent\*, for commercial compostability, OR
- Appear on the Cedar Grove Accepted Items list.

### F. Cloth Towels, Food Coverings and Wraps

Cloth towels and food service covering such as food wrap, film and aluminum foil will:

- Be certified by the Biodegradable Products Institute, or equivalent\*, for commercial compostability, OR
- Appear on the Cedar Grove Accepted Items list, OR
- Contain a minimum of 20% post-consumer recycled material.

Information about these products can be found at:

<http://products.bpiworld.org/>

\*BPI is the primary commercial compostability certifier in the United States. Other international certifiers include Vinçotte OK Compost, Japan BioPlastics Association, and DIN CERTCO.

Information about these products can be found at:

<http://www.okcompost.be/en/certified-products/>

<http://www.jbpaweb.net/english/e-gp-products.htm>

[http://www.dincertco.de/en/compostability\\_mark.html](http://www.dincertco.de/en/compostability_mark.html)

### PROHIBITED PRODUCTS

Products containing polystyrene or polyvinyl chloride (PVC/vinyl) will not be accepted.

Products containing fluorinated grease barrier compounds will not be accepted.